

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for multimedia collaboration between a plurality of users including a host of a collaboration event includes storing an interface
5 representative of the plurality of users in a memory location commonly accessible to the users; creating a composite document from selected source materials; selectively annotating the composite document; and personalizing the composite document with browser based annotations to form a collaboration document. A step of selecting a collaboration mode includes
10 selecting a plurality of offline, *near* real time, real time, and disconnected modes and causing a selective seamless transition from one selected mode to another.